Prof. Meinecke Finds Way to Mail Robbery Suspects Sawed Admit Battle for Verdun Was a Failure.

TELLS ABOUT THE MARNE

Says Conflict Has Proved There Are Limits to Any "Knockout Strategy."

LONDON, Jan. 8 .- The Times says: Prof. Meinecke, of Freiburg Univergity, the distinguished historian, con tributed to the Frankfurter Zeitung on New Year Eve the most remark able article on the history of the war which has appeared in any Ger man newspaper. Being compelled to lie about the origin of the war, Ger-man writers generally have had to lie about all inconvenient events durng the war. Prof. Meinecke, on the other hand

adopts the convenient formula that it was only "in a political sense" that Germany "began the war as a de-fensive war," while in a military sense it was distinctly a knockqui war (Niederwerfungskrieg). Thus happier than other German writers is able to tell the truth about battle of the Marne and admit that the battle for Verdon was a fall-

Pirat Phase of War.

then turn quickly and carry same military idea against final peace with England, who would have been disarmed by the Continent. This peace would have had to assume the character of a compromise, since we did not hope to overthrow Eng land's navale supremacy.

Collapsed at Gates,

This whole program, brilliantly be gun, collapsed at the gates of Paris and the battle of the Marne. This battle was not a tactical victory, but a great strategical success for the French. Perhaps our program would not have collapsed if we had carried through our original strategical idea with perfect strictness, keeping the Marne forces strictly together and for time abandoning east Prussia." Prof. Meinecke sketches subsequent events much as follows:

The Germans took to trench war-fare and the enemy did likewise. The Germans tried but failed to break through at the Yser and Bzurka Bawka, and the French tried but failed to break through Champagne. The German people began to argue that the war had become a war of attrition. Then the Germans succeeded in breaking through Galicia, but ultimately they had to settle again in de-fensive positions. The British and French then tried, but failed again, to break through in the west, and the battles of Loos and Champagne fol-

Prof. Melnecke then gives the fol-

lowing account of the battles of Verdun and the Somme:

"An argument used a year ago was that a decision must be sought, not in the tangible, distant East, but in the concentrated West—the nerve center of the enemy's forces. The decision, however, must be a decision in the old articularly critical position, destroy one st important of the French could no longer win. That was the origin of the undertaking against Verdun. This time a new politico-military idea led only to a heroic episode but, meanwhile, our enemies pulled elves together for still more gigan-

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—the great double offensive of our ene-mies, East and West. The result was hat we had to interrupt operations at schieved partial successes, especially in the East, although the real object—to break through, and roll up our lines ould not be achieved. This was due to the fact that in the interval we still further developed the possibilities of rench warfare".

Results of Somme Fight.

Prof. Meincke says the battle of the Somme led to the conviction in Ger many that it was no longer possible to arrive at a military decision in a full peace-compelling sense. So he describes the German peace overture as arising naturally from the idea war would no longer bear any relation to military results, and it would be statesmanlike, intelligent, and wise to abandon the intention of icstruction and seek a reasonable com

As regards the real guarantees which Germany professes to require, he makes two final observations: One is that Germany has taught all the small powers of Europe that they are risking their lives if "they touch the wire which protects Central The other is that the has proved there are limits to the possibilities of "knockout strategy in a war between great powers."

Polley Doesn't Pay, Consequently, a knockout policy

aimed at procuring fundamental revo-lutions in the relations of European powers does not pay. Thus, according to the professor, the motto of the future will be "not

overthrow, but balance." Although no other writers are allowed to confess German failures, his account of the peace maneuvers is confirmed in other quarters. There is now little or no talk of German benevolence and German dislike of bloodshed. It is argued simply that its enemy ought to be persuaded to agree with Germany that a comprois inevitable and then discuss peace based upon the war man,

GERMAN GIVES NEW MONTH OLD PLOT TO VERSION OF WAR FLEE TOMBS FAILS

Bars and Made Duplicate Keys.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8. The stealthy work, lasting at least a month, of filing cell bars in the Tombs, braiding bits of bed linen into a rope, carving wooden keys to fit cell locks and other elaborate preparations by two pris oner to escape on the eve of trial, come to paught when a bit of steel file happened to fall from the under side of a cell cot while a Tomba keep or was talking to one of the prisoners in his cell

The saw blade, no larger than the big blade of a fair sized penknife, had been stuck to the cot with soap, which had dried out, thus causing the saw to fall to the floor when the keeper en-tered the cell. When the saw had been turned over to Warden Hanley the warden decided that the time had come to put an end to the prepara-tions to escape, a plan which first had been brought to Hanley's attention as long ago as June 5 by a prisoner whom the warden once had be friended.
Louis Windler and his brother-in

law, Thomas Benson, who are to go on trial tomorrow on the charge of rob bing the United States mails pouches of registered matter valued at \$706,000, are the two prisoners who, the warden says, had hoped to

Bread Crumbs Hid Saw Cuts. Warden Hanley told Burdette G. Prof Meinecke has the courage to Lewis, commissioner of correction describe the first phase of the war Friday, of the finding of the saw. Com missioner Lewis came to the Tombs at "Our first object will to overthrow once accompanied by Deputy Commis-France rapidly and compel her to sioner David J. Kelly, and the three make peace. If we succeeded we officials first went to Windler's cell on the first tier, where the saw blade Russia, with the best prospects of had been found. After Windler had success. Then we would conclude a been temporarily removed from the cell, an examination of his bed clothes brought to light a piece of broom handle, which had been used as a han dle for the saw Scrutiny of the cell bars showed that a short har close to the cell door lock had been completely filed through in one place and partly out in another, the saw cuts being stopped up with bread crumbs and bits of steel filings.

Confederates Were to Wait,

Next a trip to Benson's cell on the eventh tier brought to light a thin wooden model of the cell door key, notched and grooved on the lines of a keys carefully shaped and grooved, but still lacking the notches along the edges. The long white rope, knotted at intervals to make climbing easier, was found among the straw in Benson's pillow.

In Benson's cell also was a pair of trousers belonging to a trusty. Then the two prisoners intended to let themselves down into the prison yard by means of the cell-made rope The story has come to Warden Han-ley that confederates were to be waiting with an automobile.

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John H. and Mabel I. Thomas, boy.
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Thornton L. and Reila Jones boy.
Thomas and Julia Fontroy, girl.
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Dollie Filimere, 27 years, 1996 K st., N. W.
Bose Campbell, 21 years, Washington Asylum Hospital,
Amanda Turner, 88 years, 1531 1eth N. W.
Andrew Over, 64 years, 1637 M st. N. W.
Levi E. Grant, 34 years, 1532 Swann N. W.
Maggie Thomas, 52 years, Freedman's Hos,
Mary J. Stanley, 70 years, St. Elizabeth's
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